

# PLANS APPROVED FOR BRONX ROAD

## Bruckner Expressway Link to Thruway Is Estimated to Cost \$26,850,000

### 90% TO BE PAID BY U. S.

### Rest Will Come From State —Project Now Must Obtain Estimate Board Sanction

Preliminary plans for a new 4.7-mile, \$26,850,000 section of the Bruckner Expressway in the Bronx were approved yesterday by the City Planning Commission.

By following the route of the existing Bruckner Boulevard, the improvement will, in effect, bring the boulevard up to expressway standards from the Bronx River north to Westchester Avenue and the New England Section of the New York Thruway.

The improvement also will be an extension of the two-mile, \$30,800,000 first section of Bruckner Expressway running from the Triborough Bridge to the Bronx River near Longfellow Avenue. The first section was authorized by the city two years ago, but progress on it has been slow because of the time needed for tenant relocation and building demolition.

The beginning of construction of the first section now is tentatively slated for next year.

The two sections will provide a major feeder for the New England Thruway, making a direct connection between the thruway and the Triborough Bridge.

The combined improvement also will bring the only major artery in the East Bronx up to expressway standards. The first two-mile section will be an elevated highway.

#### U. S. Pays for 90%

The new \$26,800,000 section will be paid for 90 per cent by the Federal Government and 10 per cent by New York State under the recently authorized Federal highway program. New York State is scheduled to benefit under this program to the extent of \$1,700,000,000 over the next thirteen years.

Plans for the first section were discussed in 1951, but local bickering was blamed for, deferring the project indefinitely. Revival of the improvement and its authorization two years ago virtually were forced by plans for the New England Thruway and the need for a major East Bronx connection.

The new section sanctioned yesterday by the City Planning Commission now goes to the Board of Estimate for approval.

The expressway's two thirty-six-foot roadways are to be separated by a twelve-foot central mall, except that in the expressway segment from the proposed Throgs Neck Expressway northward to the New England Thruway the roadways each will be forty-eight feet wide.

There will be facilities for the interchange of traffic at the Bronx River Parkway, the Cross Bronx Expressway, the Hutchinson River Parkway Extension, the proposed Throgs Neck Expressway and the Bronx and Pelham Parkways.

#### Senior Village Approved

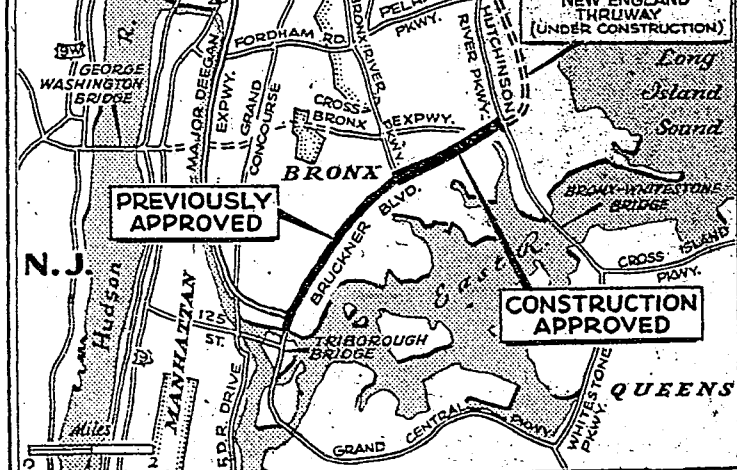
Meanwhile, at the request of Mayor Wagner and City Council President Abe Stark, the Planning Commission approved construction of the proposed \$6,400,000 Senior Village. The middle-income housing project will be at Linden Boulevard, Rockaway Avenue, Hegeman Avenue and Bristol Street, Brooklyn.

Senior Village is to have 420 apartments, with one-fifth of the number set aside for persons more than 60 years old.

The commission also approved a new section of the zoning regulations designed to provide a more orderly method of processing large-scale developments, while at the same time protecting the surrounding neighborhoods and the city as a whole with greater safeguards than now exist.

At present the processing of large-scale developments, such as housing projects, retail shopping centers, industrial laboratory plants, office buildings, schools, hospitals and churches, involves changes in the existing zoning. City experts feel that under the present method the city, in effect, loses control over the carrying out of the plans.

The city planners approved a request of Robert Moses, chairman of the Mayor's Slum Clearance Committee, for authorization to apply to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency for advance planning funds to prepare studies for an urban renewal project in Cadman Plaza, Brooklyn. The middle-income project is expected to provide 500 to 700 apartments at a cost of about \$6,000,000.



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**ROAD PROJECT:** How newly approved section of Bruckner Expressway will provide feeder for New England Thruway.